

DECEMBER 30, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Manasquan Mayor and Council was held on December 30, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

Mayor Dempsey related that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 17, 2010.

Mayor Dempsey stated that tonight's special meeting of the governing body was scheduled for the purpose of taking action on financial matters. However, in light of the blizzard experienced by our residents and the surrounding communities he would like to take this opportunity to inform the public of an update that was received today at 3:00 p.m. He stated that the Public Works Department will be working until 11 p.m. tonight and tomorrow, which is a holiday for the Borough, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., they will be working on New Year's day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., working on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be one man on duty tonight from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. The entire beach area was completed today to have two lanes open. The area west of the bridges to the railroad tracks and N. Main Street is approximately 50% done with two lanes each way. Once north of Main Street is completed the crew will be focused on the streets around the schools. Additionally, public works will be clearing the Borough sidewalks tomorrow in preparation for school opening on Monday morning. After the school areas have been addressed Public Works will be working south of Main Street between the railroad tracks and the bridges. Once these areas are open for two lanes, crews will be targeting the areas west of the railroad tracks. Sea Girt's beach tractor was borrowed and will be used up until 5 p.m. today. Additionally, the Borough will be picking up Brielle Public Works loader at 3:30 p.m. when they go home for the day and Manasquan will use it for the weekend. He stated that Tom Nicastro reached out to see if we could get some additional assistance. He contacted Stavola for assistance in snow clearing. We have received a price of \$250 per hour for a tandem to plow our streets, and will make available as many trucks as needed. He stated that he would go a little more into detail with this later in the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas (Council Member Lee arrived at 4:05)

Absent: None

Also, present was Borough Administrator Joseph DeIorio.

USE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY:

Squan Village Historical Society Flea Market

Council Member Connolly made a motion to approve the flea market, seconded by Council Member Grasso. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas. "no" none.

Scleroderma Walk

Council Member Donovan made a motion to approve the walk, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas. "no" none.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 197-2010

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the following transfer in the 2010 Budget be authorized:

CURRENT FUND

TO:

Emergency Management O/E	2,000.00
Accumulated Sick Leave	40,000.00

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Snow Removal Brielle/Sea Girt	7,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor O/E	5,600.00
Vehicle Repairs	9,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds S/W	6,000.00
Utilities	18,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	10,000.00
Tactical Teams Fee (SWAT)	<u>50.00</u>
	\$97,650.00

FROM:

Mayor and Council OE	\$ 2,000.00
Clerk S/W	5,000.00
Clerk OE	5,000.00
Finance Administration S/W	7,500.00
Finance Administration OE	7,500.00
Audit	1,000.00
Tax Collector OE	3,000.00
Tax Assessor	2,000.00
Code Enforcement S/W	10,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	8,000.00
Uniform Construction Code O/E	1,000.00
Streets and Roads S/W	10,000.00
Buildings and Grounds OE	3,000.00
Board of Health	500.00
Parks and Playgrounds OE	2,000.00
Waterways	1,000.00
Employee Group Insurance	<u>29,150.00</u>
	\$97,650.00

**RESOLUTION
196-2010**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, IN THE County of Monmouth, New Jersey (not less than three (3) members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

1. All bills or claims as reviewed and approved by the Administration & Finance Committee and as set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved for payment.

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2. The Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to sign checks in payment of bills and claims which are hereby approved.

The computer print-out of the list of checks will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

CURRENT FUND	41,013.94
WATER/SEWER FUND:	3,765.55
BEACH FUND. :	1,056.88
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND:	16,552.99
WATER/SEWER CAPITAL FUND:	16,076.09
BEACH IMPROVEMENT FUND:	

RESOLUTION

198-2010

WHEREAS, the following appropriations balances remain in the 2010 Budget unexpended,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be cancelled.

CURRENT:

Employee Group Health	\$5,000.00
Landfill Costs	<u>18,200.00</u>
	\$23,200.00

WATER/SEWER

S&W	\$20,000.00
Operating Expenses	28,300.00
Tools	5,000.00
Value Replacements	<u>1,700.00</u>
	\$55,000.00

BEACH

S & W	\$25,000.00
Operating Expenses	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$45,000.00

RESOLUTION

190-2010

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, New Jersey, that the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,147,996.85 with a maturity date of December 28, 2011.

RESOLUTION

193-2010

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, are desirous of canceling outdated checks from disbursement account.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following amounts are canceled and put back in the appropriate fund:

Affordable Housing – 603003140

#1375 Eulicd @Manasquan	04/21/09	\$10.00
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Junior Lifeguard - 603003515

#251 Long Branch Jr. Guard	07/29/09	\$200.00
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Recreation Commission – 603003191

#2190 O'Neill's Bar & Guest	04/07/09	\$270.00
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Street Opening Trust – 603003221

#1123 Jeff Woszczak	04/09/10	\$500.00
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**RESOLUTION
192-2010**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manasquan is desirous of reappointing SLEO and Crossing Guards for the 2011 year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, New Jersey, on this 30th day of December, 2010 appoint the following SLEO and Crossing Guards to work during the 2011 year:

Class II SLEO:

- 1) Bennett, Brooke L.
- 2) Brewer, Breton C.
- 3) Carco, Edward R.
- 4) Eisenman, Donald S.
- 5) Farina, Nicolle L.
- 6) Fernandez, Roger P.
- 7) Hamill, Kenneth J.
- 8) Jones, Michael T.
- 9) Mansfield, Deborah A.
- 10) Manzo, Chad M.
- 11) McGowan, Mark C.
- 12) McMahon, Paul D.
- 13) Norek, Sean M.
- 14) Panepinto, Stephen D.
- 15) Parker, Richard A.
- 16) Remig, Mitchell L.
- 17) Savastano, Joseph A.
- 18) Teller, Douglas W.
- 19) Terracciano, Michael V.
- 20) Wagner, Robert B.
- 21) Waterson, Jesse J.

Class I SLEO:

- 1) Farina, Nicolle L.

Full-Time Crossing Guards:

- 1) Boden, Judith L.
- 2) Brown, Anne M.
- 3) Drury, Marietta M.
- 4) Hodgkinson, Ralph S.
- 5) Margulies, Norman
- 6) VanSickle, Patricia L.

Substitute Crossing Guards

- 1) Farina, Nicolle L.
- 2) Frey, Kathryn O.
- 3) Gonzalez, Lisbeth T.
- 4) Waterson, Jesse J.

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**RESOLUTION
195-2010**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the application for F.J.S. Foods, Inc. t/a Family Fun Center for an Amusement Game License to operate an arcade at 201-203 Beachfront in the Borough of Manasquan for the year 2011 is hereby approved and accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is instructed and authorized to process the license for same, that is,

NAME OF APPLICANT

F.J.S. Foods, Inc.
t/a Family Fun Center

ADDRESS OF LICENSED PREMISES

201-203 Beachfront
Manasquan, New Jersey 08736

TYPE OF GAME OR LICENSE

Video/Redemption

**RESOLUTION
189-2010**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the application of Inshore Atlantic, Inc. t/a Leggetts Sand Bar, for an Amusement Game License to operate one amusement game at 211-213-215-217 First Avenue, Manasquan, New Jersey for the year 2011 is hereby approved and accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is instructed and authorized to issue a license, that is,

NAME OF APPLICANT

Inshore Atlantic, Inc.

**ADDRESS OF PREMISE
TO BE LICENSED**

211-213-215-217 First Avenue
Manasquan, New Jersey 08736

**TYPE OF GAME
AND LICENSE**

Video Hunting Game

**RESOLUTION
191-2010**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the application of O'Neill's Bar-Grill & Guesthouse for an Amusement Game License to operate two amusement games at 390 E. Main Street, Manasquan, New Jersey for the year 2011 is hereby approved and accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is instructed and authorized to issue a license, that is,

NAME OF APPLICANT

ADDRESS OF PREMISE

TYPE OF GAME

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	<u>TO BE LICENSED</u>	<u>AND LICENSE</u>
O'Neill's Bar-Grill & Guesthouse	390 E. Main Street Manasquan, New Jersey 08736	Video Golf
O'Neill's Bar-Grill & Guesthouse	390 E. Main Street Manasquan, New Jersey 08736	Video Mega Touch
O'Neill's Bar-Grill & Guesthouse	390 E. Main Street Manasquan, New Jersey 08736	Video Mega Touch

**RESOLUTION
194-10**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH
OF MANASQUAN, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY,
RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND/GUARANTEE FOR
ATUL PATEL T/A DUNKIN DONUTS**

WHEREAS, Atul Patel t/a Dunkin Donuts posted a performance guarantee in the form of a letter of credit in the amount of \$96,139.17 and a cash bond in the amount of \$10,682.13 for site work at Block 82, Lot 24.1 in the Borough of Manasquan; and

WHEREAS, a review of the bonded items shows that all are installed and are acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Manasquan is desirous of releasing the performance guarantees in the form of a letter of credit in the amount of \$96,139.17 and a cash bond in the amount of \$10,682.13; and

WHEREAS, the release of these performance guarantees is specifically conditioned upon Atul Patel t/a Dunkin Donuts posting a two (2) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$13,352.66 in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on the 30th day of December, 2010, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The performance guarantee in the form of a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$96,139.17 posted by Atul Patel t/a Dunkin Donuts may be released.
2. The cash bond in the amount of \$10,682.13 posted by Atul Patel t/a Dunkin Donuts may be released.
3. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to return the cash sum of \$10,682.13 to Atul Patel t/a Dunkin Donuts.
4. Atul Patel t/a Dunkin Donuts shall post the required maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$13,352.66 in order to receive the release of the aforementioned Letter of Credit and Cash bond.

5. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to:

Atul Patel t/a Dunkin Donuts
3201 Bridge Avenue
Unit #8, 9
Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee and Lucas, "no" none

DISCUSSION: Water/Sewer Rates

Borough Administrator Joseph DeLorio stated that in light of the inability to strike a new rate for the 2011 water/sewer budget, he prepared for the Governing Body a list of options for consideration. These options take into account the assumption that there will be no water/sewer rate increase for 2011. In order to prepare the 2011 budget and plan for any reductions or layoffs, he thought by presenting this status by points would give the governing body an indication of what will have to be done financially to meet revenues based on the current rates. He stated that he is hoping through a discussion tonight that the governing body can give some direction. He stated that he spoke with Valerie Bills in the water department to discuss the potential of introducing a new water/sewer rate for January 3, 2011 and have a second reading on the January 18, 2011. Ms Bills that usually the bills are out that week, however, she will delay the issuance of bills to the following week. He advised that there will be a little bit of a cash flow issue, but nothing that couldn't be worked through.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he thinks that is a good idea because the third and fourth quarter will be higher.

Mr. DeLorio stated that the other option would be, if the ordinance is not introduced and adopted in January, any rate increase would have to occur in the second quarter, the rate would have to be increased at such a level for the second quarter to compensate for the loss of not having a rate increase in the first quarter. He stated that essentially the residents would see a higher bill for the second and third quarters and the fourth quarter would level off to the correct amount. He advised based on civil services rules that if there is no agreement on a rate increase he will have to present to the governing body a layoff plan as required by the civil service regulations. He stated that civil service advised that the governing body and the borough should give a 75 day window of opportunity to have a plan presented, submit it to civil service and have it officially adopted.

Mayor Dempsey advised that the original proposal was for a 12.5% increase for the water/sewer rate.

Mr. DeLorio stated that based on the original revised water/sewer rate the rate would be 12.5% and that was consistent with information he researched over the past year in light of the first payment of the Borough's water project bond.

Mayor Dempsey asked if the budget was reduced at all to get to the 12.5%.

Mr. DeLorio stated that it was at 18% and it was reduced to 12.5% after working with the Superintendent of Public Works with his budget. He stated that his conversation with the auditor that there was an indication when the governing body chose to move forward with the water project that there was an estimate of about 25% overall. He stated that the borough experienced a 12.5% increase last year, 12.5% this year, but the auditor advised at the last meeting that with the payment alone the borough would have experienced 16%.

Mr. DeLorio went over the process for the comparison to other towns.

Council Member Connolly stated she believes that 12.5% is exorbitant. She stated the expenses need to be looked at much more carefully. She went over different expenses she believes shouldn't be in this rate.

Mr. DeLorio went over the process that he used to get to the 12.5% increase and the different increases due to the new water treatment plant.

Mr. DeLorio advised that he did speak to NJEIT with regards to the question of why we are borrowing based on a higher amount when the borough is only spending a lower amount. Based on this conversation the Borough will only be paying for the amount of what is actually spent, based on the amount that the borough

ends with, once the project is done. Any unused balances are taken off the back end of the loan. He stated that unfortunately the bill has to be paid this year and the Borough can not go back and ask NJEIT to revise the schedule for this year.

Council Member Connolly asked who borrowed \$6.7 million when the project came in at \$4.3 million.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the Borough received the commitment for \$6.5 million and that was based on the engineer's and the company that was going to bid was \$6.5 million. He stated that the engineer thought the project was going to be between \$4.5 and \$5 million, plus some overruns, if they happened. He stated the Environmental Trust recommended that the Borough take the \$6.7 million to have a cushion. He advised that if the money was not used the loan would be reduced.

Allan Shechter went over the money and interest due on the loan and how it is computed.

Mayor Dempsey stated that 75% of the loan was interest free and 25% was at the rate of 4.5% - 5%.

Mr. DeLorio went over the philosophy of the state of borrowing high. The state's logic is that if you put your estimates in and put it through their formula their estimates are going to be higher because they plan for contingencies. What they don't want to happen is to budget low just to get a grant or low interest loan and find out the project is not complete. He stated that now you have to go back to the state and re-apply. He stated that if you re-apply the funds might not be available any more.

Council Member Grasso asked if the state is holding our money where is that money going if it is not going to be there.

Mr. DeLorio stated that when the state does the recalculation the portion that is interest free gets immediately reduced and those later payments are not needed. The portion that has interest associated with it, the state actually has to hold our money then pay off the bond at a later date. Once the debt is paid down, then they recalculate any interest that is due back to the borough.

Mr. DeLorio advised that if a rate change doesn't occur, there will be some changes that will have to be made as CFO in order to meet the revenues under the current rate. Mr. DeLorio went over salary and wages, overtime, other expenses, capital improvement fund, electrical generator, vehicle, fire hydrants and valve replacements for reductions.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he would not jeopardize the safety of the people of the town.

Mr. DeLorio stated that he is just giving options. He advised of some further cuts that could be made in tools and capital equipment, part-time CFO and new revenues for water/sewer not charged to various establishments.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he is not in favor of charging the fire companies and the first aid. He stated that they are a service organization that provides a service to the town.

Council Member Connolly stated that there are other 501C3's that are paying, Elks, Veterans, and Woman's Club. She suggested that a minimum rate for everyone should be in order. She suggested \$25.00 a year or something like that. She stated that Hook & Ladder is a separate 501C3. They bring in a substantial amount of money from the Fireman's Fair. She believes that they can afford \$25 a year.

Mr. DeLorio stated that if the governing body wishes, action can be taken in 2011 for the fee of \$25 to be paid to the Borough.

Council Member Connolly asked if the beach was paying for the water usage this year.

Mayor Dempsey stated that by Borough Ordinance that the beach does not pay for water.

Council Member Connolly stated that she believes the beach should be charged for use of water.

Mr. DeLorio stated that the other item for consideration would be to deplete estimated surplus in the amount of \$80,000. He stated a plan would have to be put together to lay off personnel if the rate does not pass. He stated that the first person to be laid off would be the payroll clerk. He stated that everyone laid off would be entitled to unemployment benefits.

Alan Shechter stated that the amount would be up to \$599, this would be for 99 weeks and warrant direct reimbursement. He stated that whatever the State pays to laid off employees, the Borough would have to send the state that dollar amount. He stated that there is about \$11,000 in the unemployment fund now.

Council Member Connolly stated "why wouldn't these people be automatically transferred back on to the general budget."

Mr. DeIorio stated that without doing the municipal budget you can't do the municipal budget at this point. He advised what documents would be needed for the municipal budget amount.

Council Member Connolly stated that there are people on the water/sewer schedule that are getting paid certain amounts and they should be put on the regular budget.

Council Member Bossone stated that "that is just taking from one hand and putting into the other".....

Council Member Connolly stated that the Federal Government does not permit you to deduct these water/sewer amounts from your taxes. Therefore, the taxpayers are getting double hit for this. She stated that you can deduct things from the regular property tax. She stated that if you put these people back on the regular property taxes, at least the taxpayers can deduct it.

Council Member Donovan stated that the Beach is a utility. He advised that salaries are charged against the beach budget for work that they do for the beach. The Water/Sewer Department is a utility and these people do work for the Water/Sewer Department he wanted to know why it is different for the Beach then it is for the Water/Sewer Department, you want to charge.....

Council Member Connolly stated that because you have a 12.5% increase for water/sewer and the beach is paid by people who want to use the beach. If a taxpayer chooses not to use the beach, they do not pay that fee. She stated that water/sewer you have to, there is no question about it, they have to pay that.

Mayor Dempsey stated that if we take \$20,000 more off the budget that would equal not quite 1%.

Mr. DeIorio stated that approximately \$23,500 is 1%.

Mayor Dempsey stated that that would bring us down to about 11.6% more or less. He stated that he thinks that would be reasonable to do.

Council Member Bossone asked Mr. DeIorio to bring the 12% increase into a dollar amount per year.

Mr. Shechter went over the dollar amount which amounted to \$14.00 a quarter increase for water/sewer.

Council Member Bossone wanted a re-cap. He stated that would be \$5.00 a month increase. He stated that in lieu of \$5.00 a month to the taxpayers we are talking about laying people off, not replacing fire hydrants, reducing the entire surplus, capital improvement fund, and others for \$5.00 a month. He stated that this is all just proposed and not against Mr. DeIorio. He also stated that there is a new water treatment plant that has been in need of repair for years.

Council Member Lucas stated that it is important to bring up the new ultra modern building, something that this community needs. He stated that we are talking about safety and welfare of each individual that lives in this town. He stated that it is \$56.00 a year; you have to look at the whole picture before you make a decision.

Council Member Connolly went over her concerns with the expenses of the water/sewer budget again.

Council Member Lee stated that he agrees with Council Member Connolly with going through the line items, which we do, every year. He stated that he likes Mr. DeIorio's analysis that still compares us to other towns. He stated that besides us getting a brand new plant that we will still be one of the lowest in our charges which speaks to good financial planning. He stated that he does not dispute that we want to drill down on all costs. He asked Mr. DeIorio for the towns that were included in that analysis.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the surrounding towns of Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights are some of the towns that the analysis was used.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he believes it is critical that we settle this today so that we can get this ordinance introduced on the 3rd. He stated that if Council Member Connolly is concerned about it, he thinks that the budget with the reduction of the \$20,000 and then Council Member Connolly can go through line by line and cut those back and add them to the surplus, which will help next year.

Council Member Connolly stated that she is not interested in next year, she is interested in this year. She stated that perhaps we wait until our new council person is on this council to get input after January 11, 2011.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he does not believe that it can wait. It is going to really burden the tax payers in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Mr. DeLorio stated that he has other documents that he would like noted for the record. He did a comparison of salary and wages item with a new revision based on the numbers that were given to council on the cover sheet. He also did a sewer fund balance for the last 3 years and this year. He did the Manasquan water/sewer rates from 2003 going to proposed 2011. A water/sewer consumption analysis from 2005 based on dollar amounts and based on 2004 based on actual water consumption units. He has a spread sheet for the other expense line items with the second revision, salary schedules for all charges to the water/sewer budget for the Water Department as well as any administrative staff. He stated that it is not a bad thing to wait until the second quarter but in Manasquan it is problematic because of the cycle.

Mayor Dempsey stated that it needs to get done.

Council Member Donovan asked how much is in the Capital Improvement Fund?

Mr. DeLorio stated that there is \$271,500 in the Capital Improvement Fund. He stated that there will be a revised balance after the Annual Financial Statements are done and completed in the new year for 2010 you will have a revised number at the end of this year.

Mr. Shechter stated that without being adjusted for this year's improvements and money already put in, that was based on the 3 year capital plan that was done when the budget is done. He stated that the Borough has to come up with the down payment money in order to do those projects and that is where it is funded from. He stated that most of the down payments all general capital from the water/sewer budget instead of from the general budget.

Council Member Donovan asked for the surplus number.

Mr. Shechter stated that he would not know the surplus number until after the year end. He stated that he estimated the water/sewer number based on figures through December. He stated that it would be about \$299,000 plus whatever we needed to balance this year's budget.

Mr. DeLorio went over the water/sewer numbers for the past few years.

There was a discussion as to when the 4th quarter final figures will be in for consumption and the estimate of the 4th quarter consumption figures.

Council Member Bossone asked where the \$20,000 would come from.

Mayor Dempsey stated that it would come from different areas. He stated that it could be taken from the reduced salary and wages, but you can take some from there and the part-time CFO. That would give \$20,000 right there.

Mr. Shechter stated that right now all you are going to introduce, when you are ready, is an ordinance for the rate. This is just a guide to know where we are at so that if you want to reduce whatever figure you gave us we would be able to come in February, when we do the budget process with the reductions. It is just a matter to see if you reduce it so low that we wouldn't be able to bring the revenue to support the utility which has to be self sustaining.

There was a discussion on the amount of \$20,000 to reduce the rate.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to reduce the 12.5% to 10.5%, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Bossone, Donovan, Lee, Lucas. "no" Council Member Connolly, Grasso.

Mayor Dempsey stated that an ordinance will be prepared for the January 3, 2011 meeting for introduction.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lou Coccozza, 45 N. Potter Avenue, recommended that one of the main streets out of town from the beach area be designated as an emergency route for the future, so that there will be no parking on the street.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the Borough is already working on that with the OEM office.

Mr. Coccozza also recommended that if there is designated no parking on streets during snow emergency could the parking lot be plowed first to allow people to move their cars there so that way they would not be plowed in on the side streets.

Council Member Donovan stated that he believes that that is the only way that it can be done. He stated that there are a lot of people that are not aware of 1620 am, when you see the flashing lights on Main Street, Stockton Lake Boulevard, and Brielle Road, the Office of Emergency Management is broadcasting information that is critical to town. He stated that OEM started broadcasting on Thursday before the storm warning people about the storm coming and keeping their cars off the street.

Council Member Grasso stated that Ocean Avenue is a Coastal Emergency Evacuation outlet. He stated that this does not need to be looked at, it is already in. He stated "the question is was it cleaned". He stated that 99% of the cars on Ocean Avenue were off the street. He advised one person had his car in the street. He stated that the access to get out was available; no cars the plows could have gone right through there. He stated that there is the evacuation to get out of that town from that area. He stated that the roads should have been cleaned.

Mr. Coccozza stated that he is only addressing the issue of Emergency Evacuation. He stated that he believes that Main Street should be plowed because it is the largest and widest street.....

Council Member Grasso stated that Main Street is a flood plain that is why Ocean Avenue is used for the evacuation. He stated that "Main Street was plowed, Ocean Avenue wasn't. The only way to get out of Main Street or the third and fourth district is Ocean Avenue. If it floods there is no where to get out. He stated that it wasn't plowed properly."

Mayor Dempsey stated that he went up and down Ocean Avenue Monday and Tuesday and it was plowed.

Council Member Grasso stated "I'm sorry, but I don't want to say I live on Ocean Avenue, but it is an evacuation point and that street was not plowed".

Mayor Dempsey stated that "it was plowed".

Council Member Grasso stated that "it was plowed to an extent that it was plowed but as far as getting down to the black top, sanding, plowing it was not done, I'm sorry".

Council Member Lucas advised Mr. Coccozza that he brought up a good point and as the Mayor stipulated we have had some good meetings yesterday and today and we are looking at all avenues. He stated that he is sure there will be some changes made. He advised that this is a learning process and that we did not foresee 36" of snow in a small community. He agreed with the parking problems. He advised that there will be some changes.

Jerry Brown, Dewey Avenue stated he understands the concerns of the folks that live up at the beach when we have a storm and the flooding that can go on, but once a storm hits we usually get some nice weather come in where it is not necessary to plow all the streets up on the beach front in order to get the people off the beach. His concern is that he agrees that you need to plow Ocean Avenue, but the fact is that on Main Street there is only one lane open. He stated "you can't get plows down there to plow that intersection out" He advised that he knows that 71 is a stated road but there is a mound of ice that has been in the middle of 71 about a foot and a half high. There is no reason why we couldn't look at some of the things that we did here and do a better job. He stated that the communication could have been a little bit better on our website and

e-mails regarding the storm. His other comment is on the plows that are down. He wanted to know why we have three plows out when we get hit with our first snow storm. He asked if it is because we don't maintain them properly, if they are that old.....

Council Member Donovan stated that they were all inspected and were all running fine prior to the storm. He stated that it was the size of the storm we had that made our plows go down.

Mr. Brown stated that other towns have gone through this and it seems that they did not get a knock out punch like the Borough did.

Council Member Donovan stated that the Borough of Manasquan had more snow then a lot of other towns.

Mr. Brown stated "not then Sea Girt."

Council Member Donovan stated that he agreed with that but Sea Girt also has a lot of County roads.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the Manasquan trucks were plowing Sunday night until they broke down. He advised what trucks were down and why, and when they were going to be back to work.

Council member Donovan stated that these trucks are 12 and 20 years old.

There was discussion on the trucks and there age.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront advised that she was going to speak about the same things that the 2 previous gentlemen did. She just wanted to say that it was a horrible storm and it was really difficult to make everything work properly here and as far as anyone was able to do it she thought the Borough did as well as it could considering the age of the trucks, the problems with the plows breaking down or whatever. She suggested that since we are a community that tries to work together that there might be some kind of explanation to the community about the plows. She stated that some people are angry feeling that somehow the town let them down. She thinks that the citizens might appreciate hearing what problems the Borough trucks were having. She went over an issue she had with how the police handled her call with regards to where the plows are because she did not see any when she was out and about town. She reiterated that it was a difficult situation and stated that allowing people to be a part of the understanding what the problem is goes a long way.

Council Member Donovan advised that one of the things talked about today and prior to today is dissemination of information. He stated that if something like this happens again the Borough is going to do its best to make sure that communication is clear and available to everybody. He stated that the problem with this storm was that there are 4 or 5 different agencies involved, OEM, DPW, Fire Department, Police, and First Aid. He stated that it is not a police dispatcher's job to keep track of the snow plows. Without having a command center it is very difficult to get all the information out.

Mayor Dempsey advised that there was a statement read in the beginning of the meeting stating the things to be discussed and a plan of action to improve. These items were communications, use of resources, budget request, identification of emergency streets, contingency plans if we do have breakdowns. He stated that all of these things are going to be worked on.

Ms. Ryan stated.....

Council Member Grasso stated that he went out on Monday, because his wife wanted to go to work. He stated that he got to 35 and got stuck and had to be towed out. He stated that he went back home and e-mailed about 200 people and warned them not to go out today. He agreed with Ms. Ryan with regard to the communications. He stated that there was nothing on the website saying there was a storm coming, get your cars off the street and be prepared.

Ms. Ryan advised that she thought there was enough warning through the media. She stated that she is not complaining about what happened because this is a storm that doesn't happen too often. She also stated that she believes our town does a great job taking care of things and she really appreciates all the work and the hours that the DPW, OEM, First Aid, Fire Companies and all the others that are involved.

Mayor Dempsey went over the hours that were put in by the DPW employees for this storm.

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John Rogers, 3 James Place wanted to state for the record that DPW did an excellent job. He advised that he lives right off of North Main Street and the next day he got plowed. He stated that in his opinion they did the best they could.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bossone made a motion to have Holzapfel's office prepare the White collar Contract, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried by the following vote "yes" Council Member Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas, "no" none.

Council Member Bossone made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

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